

Monday August 30, 2010

Agenda

- Timed Multiplication Page
- Reading Page

What you missed if you were absent yesterday...

- Worksheet



Homework Log

- No additional assignment



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100 Million Flying Saucers Sailing into History

"Frisbie!"

It used to be a cry heard often at Connecticut's Yale University. Students there began tossing pie tins during the 1920s. (Yelling "Frisbie!" was a warning to others that a spinning disc was speeding their way.) Yale folks called their pastime "Frisbie-ing."

The story began over a hundred years ago with a family bakery. William Frisbie started the tiny Frisbie Pie Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1895. The family baked and sold pies in metal tins. Customers soon found not only that Frisbie's pies tasted great, but also that they could use the leftover tins as outdoor toys.

But college students weren't the only ones to sail pie tins. Walter Morrison sailed them as a child in Utah. When he was grown, he still saw people sailing those same metal discs. One day, Walter made a similar toy out of plastic. He named it "Morrison's Flyin' Saucer."

Walter's family and friends loved playing with the discs. Before long, he had made hundreds of them. He then began selling the toy on the sidewalks of downtown Los Angeles, California.

In 1955, Walter met Rick Knerr and "Spud" Meline. They owned a toy company called Wham-O. The two had seen Walter's discs flying around the nearby beaches. Rick and Spud saw great sales potential in the toy. They bought the rights to "Morrison's Flyin' Saucer."

Walter told the two of the flying-pie-tin craze at Yale. The astute pair wanted to use the name "Frisbie." But they also wanted to avoid problems with the use of



the family name. The Wham-O men thus changed the spelling of their disc to "Frisbee." The eight-inch toy became an immediate hit when the Frisbee first appeared in 1957.

Only Wham-O makes the actual Frisbee. Other companies such as Discraft and Innova-Champion call their product "flying discs."

Like an airplane, a Frisbee flies for two reasons. One is *lift* (air pressure beneath the saucer). The other is *thrust* (the toss).

Much has changed in the toy world since the late 1950s. Not long ago, a computer-designed plastic disc was tossed 1,257 feet. That is more than the length of four football fields!

Today there are over 100 million flying plastic platters—most of them Frisbees—worldwide. Each year more Frisbees are sold than all the baseballs, basketballs and footballs combined. About 90 percent of all American adults have played with a Frisbee at least once. Years ago, Wham-O ordered a study of the Frisbee name. They must have been pleased with the results: virtually 100 percent of all Americans know what a Frisbee is.

Frisbee!

Vocabulary Words

Use the **boldfaced** story words to fill in the blanks.

1. The word that means "just about" or "practically" is _____.
2. The word that means "therefore" is _____.
3. The word that means "legal ownership" is _____.
4. The word that means "nearly the same" is _____.
5. The word that means "possibility" is _____.
6. The word that means "clever" or "crafty" is _____.
7. The word that means "instant" or "at once" is _____.
8. The word that means "mixed together" is _____.

Remembering Facts

Underline the right answer.

1. Yale University is in (a) the Northeast (b) the South (c) the Southwest
2. The Frisbee family baked (a) cakes (b) cookies (c) pies
3. Walter Morrison grew up in (a) California (b) Utah (c) Connecticut
4. Walter sold his saucers in (a) California (b) Utah (c) Connecticut
5. Rick Knerr and Spud Meline owned (a) Discraft (b) Wham-O (c) Innova-Champion
6. Frisbees came out in (a) the early 1950s (b) the late 1950s (c) the early 1960s
7. A Frisbee flies because of (a) lift and spinning (b) spinning and thrust (c) lift and thrust
8. One disc flew the length of (a) two football fields (b) four football fields (c) six football fields

Finding the Sequence

Copy the sentences below according to chronological (time) order.

The Frisbie Pie Company began.
Walter sold the rights to his creation.
Yale students began tossing metal pie tins.
Walter Morrison made a plastic flying disc.
The Frisbee became an "overnight" hit.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

In Your Own Words

Make up a game for two using Frisbees. Use landmarks around your school or home. Explain the rules by telling what you throw the Frisbees at and how points are scored.

A Frisbee Game
